

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 19, 20, and 27 by rewriting the same to the following:

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--1. (Seven Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

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a plurality of storage medium units for storing information data, wherein said plurality of storage medium units include an archive storage medium unit which contains said information data and a plurality of delivery storage medium units that stores said information data from said archive storage medium unit as needed;

managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more delivery storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the delivery storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means, wherein

the managing means manages the distribution of the information data from one or more of said delivery storage medium units to an appropriate one or more of the end user device(s) in accordance with a predetermined number representing a number of said one or more end user devices such that the number of delivery storage medium units utilized is increased when the number of end user device(s) exceeds the predetermined number,

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whereby each of said plurality of delivery storage medium and said archive  
storage medium unit includes a controller.

19. (Four Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or  
more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

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a plurality of storage medium units for storing information data, wherein said  
plurality of storage medium units include an archive storage medium unit which contains said  
information data and a plurality of delivery storage medium units that stores said information  
data from said archive storage medium unit as needed;

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managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of  
the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information  
data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means  
outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data  
and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more delivery storage medium units to  
the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the delivery  
storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means,

wherein said managing means selects a special play mode for supplying an altered  
sequence of scenes to the at least one end user device by switching channels for supplying the  
data information to the at least one end user device,

whereby each of said plurality of delivery storage medium and said archive  
storage medium unit includes a controller.

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20. (Four Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

a plurality of storage medium units for storing information data, wherein said plurality of storage medium units include an archive storage medium unit which contains said information data and a plurality of delivery storage medium units that stores said information data from said archive storage medium unit as needed;

managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more delivery storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the delivery storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means,

wherein said managing means selects a special play mode for supplying a mosaic of scenes to the at least one end user device by selecting scenes from different channels,

whereby each of said plurality of delivery storage medium and said archive storage medium unit includes a controller.

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27. (Five Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

a plurality of storage medium units for storing information data, wherein said plurality of storage medium units include an archive storage medium unit which contains said

information data and a plurality of delivery storage medium units that stores said information data from said archive storage medium unit as needed;

managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more delivery storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the one or more storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means, wherein

said distribution control data further includes backup control data for assigning one of said one or more delivery storage medium units to supply the selected information data when another of said one or more delivery storage medium units for supplying the selected information data is malfunctioning.

whereby each of said plurality of delivery storage medium and said archive storage medium unit includes a controller.--